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why they did not belong to the SED Party, whether they had relatives in Western Germany or in West Berlin, and they were interrogated regarding their political opinions. (8)

9. Of the column locomotives kept serviceable at the disposal of the SOC, about 30 are parked at the Ruednitz railroad station, between Bernau and Eberswalde. All these locomotives are of type 50 and are in good condition. (2)
 10. On 13 January, 25 locomotives were parked at Uckro. A train composed of one locomotive with tender, two cabooses and two freight cars was also seen. On 19 January, 24 locomotives and the same train were observed at the railroad station. (6)
 11. On 16 January the personnel of the Frankfurt/Oder Fern-Betriebswerk-Ost (Long-haul Railroad Maintenance Shop and Operations Division East) were granted half the leave due them in 1951. The personnel of the installation now on duty will be given this leave after the men now on leave have returned. (9)
 12. On 22 January two locomotives left Ducherow for Pasewalk; four locomotives left Strasburg for Pasewalk. These locomotives left for Frankfurt/Oder at 6:45 p.m. There were no other changes in the status of reserve locomotives. (11)
- Comments.
- (1) Confirms the presence of these locomotives in Strasburg until the beginning of January 1951.
 - (2) This refers to the locomotives of deactivated Locomotive Column kept as a column reserve at Ruednitz.
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 - (4) All the locomotive columns stationed in Frankfurt/Oder were concentrated at the local marshaling yard and given the designation Fern-Bw-Ost (Long-Haul Railroad Maintenance Shop and Operations Division-East). Half of the personnel, which numbers about 3,000 men, are locomotive personnel, while the remainder are skilled workers charged with the repair and maintenance of locomotives.
 - (5)
 - (6)
 - (7) This statement refers to the locomotives of deactivated Locomotive Column kept as a column reserve.
 - (8) The personnel assigned to locomotive columns are subjected to close political screening by the Soviets for security reasons.
 - (9) These leaves may be connected with the decline of Soviet transit traffic, which has been observed since January 1951. It is believed that this decline is only temporary.
 - (10) The original decree of July 1950 concerning the reorganization of locomotive columns envisaged the construction and procurement of accommodations for the personnel of the locomotive columns stationed in Frankfurt/Oder.
 - (11) The locomotives observed en route to Frankfurt/Oder are believed to have been replacements for damaged column locomotives.

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